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MAYOR

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Federal Communication Commission
445-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GN Docket No. 09-191

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Cobbs
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Anyone who watches the news, reads papers or surfs on the web realizes how much bad news there is out there. I realized something as I explored the web on the network neutrality issue that is before the FCC. Amidst all the gloom, I found some good news. One industry – Internet and wireless – have delivered on providing better service, more innovation, and competitive prices; and they have done it during this historic economic downturn.

How did they do it? The way most American industries have done it since our founding, with open competition, hard work, innovation and limited government regulation and intrusion. That is how Henry Ford did it, that is how Microsoft did it and today, that is how Apple and the Internet and Wireless industries are doing it.

To over-regulate Internet and wireless now would harm an industry that is expanding and hiring, and the timing of the FCC regulations could not be worse. Right now, we are on the edge of a new boom in mobile internet, wireless services, and digital communication. Apple is rolling out a new tablet PC and other businesses are developing new products. Applying heavy regulation and bureaucratic rules now will hurt these cutting edge businesses too, and cost us more jobs.

Please keep America competitive by keeping our best industries competitive. Our jobs and future are on the line. We have had enough bad news, how about giving us some good news to cheer about? Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Leon Rockingham, Jr.", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor